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(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Robert C. Chang, entitled UNUSABLE BLOCK MANAGEMENT WITHIN A NON-VOLATILE MEMORY SYSTEM, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

() Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):
 () Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
 of prior Application No. _____, filed _____.

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 of Application No. _____, filed _____, which is hereby incorporated by reference."

(X) This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application
 No. 60/421,965, filed October 28, 2002.

Enclosed are:

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() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

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() Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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(X) Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet

() Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity.

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